

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for cleaning a grinding machine, comprising:
apportioning a predetermined amount of a cleaning material;
inserting the cleaning material into the grinding machine;
grinding the cleaning material using the grinder; and
purging the coarse material from the coffee grinder.

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2. The cleaning method of claim 1 wherein the coarse material comprises one
or more of the following organic materials:

- (a) legumes;
(b) corn husks;
15 (c) walnut shells;
(d) pecan shells;
(e) nuts;
(f) rice;
(g) dried corn kernels;
20 (h) barley;
(i) wheat;
(j) grain;

(k) fiber;

(l) legume;

(m) nut;

(n) bark;

5 (o) shell;

(p) corn meal;

(q) bulgur wheat;

(r) oatmeal;

(s) quick oats;

10 (t) grits; and

(u) rice hulls.

3. The cleaning method of claim 2 wherein the organic material comprises substantially 40% bulgur wheat.

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4. The cleaning method of claim 3 wherein the organic material comprises at least 40% cornmeal.

5. The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the coarse material is in the form
20 of a tablet.

6. The cleaning method of claim 5, wherein the tablet is sized and shaped like a coffee bean.

7. The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the coarse material is colored.

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8. The cleaning method of claim 1, further comprising a binding material.

9. A grinding machine cleaner, comprising:

food-safe coarse materials;

10 a mold for shaping and sizing the organic coarse materials into a tablet of a predetermined size and shape; and

a binding material combined with the organic coarse material to enable the organic coarse material to retain its shape and size once the organic coarse material is removed from the mold.

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10. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is colored.

11. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the tablet is sized and shaped like a coffee bean.

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12. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is organic.

13. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the organic coarse
5 material comprises one or more of the following ingredients:

- a) bulgur wheat; and
- b) corn meal.

14. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is
10 inorganic.

15. An apparatus for making a grinding machine cleaner, comprising:
a mold having a first portion having a first predetermined size and shape;
a mold having a second portion having a second predetermined size and shape
15 complementary to the first predetermined size and shape;
a pressing machine for pressing the first and second halves of the mold together at
a predetermined force; and
a predetermined quantity of coarse materials for insertion into the mold.

20 16. The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a binding material to be
mixed in with the coarse materials.

17. The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a coloring agent to be mixed in with the coarse materials.

18. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the first portion of the mold is sized
5 and shaped like the bottom side of a coffee bean.

19. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the second portion of the mold is sized and shaped like the top side of a coffee bean.

10 20. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 13, wherein the coarse material is inorganic.